IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

SANDRA FAUST, AS THE
ADMINISTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF
DANIEL FAUST, DECEASED, AND
SANDRA FAUST IN HER OWN RIGHT
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Plaintiff :

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v. : CIVIL ACTION

07-4691

THE CITY OF LANCASTER, ET AL. :

Defendants:

ANSWERS AND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES OF DEFENDANT BOROUGH OF LITITZ AND DEFENDANT OFFICERS MILLER AND DETZ TO PLAINTIFF'S SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT

The Court's Order of June 23, 2008 is incorporated herein by reference.

NATURE OF ACTION

Denied. The averments contained in this paragraph state conclusions of law to which no answer is required. By way of further response, the Court's Order of June 23, 2008 is incorporated herein.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 1. The averment pleads jurisdictional statements to which no response is necessary.
- 2. Averments stating jurisdiction require no response. The remainder of this averment is denied as a conclusion of law to which no answer is required.
- 3. Denied. The averments contained in this paragraph state conclusions of law to which no answer is required. By way of further answer, however, after reasonable investigation,

 Answering Defendants lack sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the

- truth of the averments contained in this paragraph and, therefore, deny same and demands strict proof thereof at trial.
- 4. It is admitted only that Plaintiff Sandra Faust is the mother of Decedent Daniel Faust.

 The remainder of the averment is denied as after reasonable investigation, Answering

 Defendants lack sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the averments contained in this paragraph and, therefore, deny same and demands strict proof thereof at trial.
- 5. Denied. The averments contained in this paragraph state conclusions of law to which no answer is required.
- 6. This averment refers to Defendants other than Answering Defendants, and, therefore, no answer is required.
- 7. This averment refers to Defendants other than Answering Defendants, and, therefore, no answer is required.
- 8. Admitted.
- 9. Denied as stated. Pursuant to the Court's June 23, 2008 Order, Lititz Borough Police Department was dismissed from this action with prejudice. It is admitted that Borough of Lititz operates a Police Department.
- 10. This averment refers to Defendants other than Answering Defendants, and, therefore, no answer is required.
- 11. Admitted.
- 12. Admitted.
- 13. Admitted.

- 14. This averment refers to Defendants other than Answering Defendants, and, therefore, no answer is required.
- 15. The averments contained in this paragraph state conclusions of law to which no answer is required.
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FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 17. Admitted in part, denied in part. It is admitted that on November 7, 2005 Officers Miller,

 Detz and Burdis attempted to serve an actual arrest warrant on Daniel Faust. The

 remainder of this averment is denied as a conclusion of law to which no answer is

 required.
- 18. Admitted in part, denied in part. It is admitted that the actual arrest warrant was issued by Magistrate J. Garrat on the date listed on the warrant.
- 19. It is admitted that Officers Miller, Burdis and Detz made the decision to execute the arrest warrant on Daniel Faust at 10:30 p.m. when it was believed Faust would be arriving home. It was not known by the Defendant Officers that Faust would be armed and dangerous.
- 20. Denied. By way of further response, all three Defendant Officers were in full uniform and marked police vehicles.
- 21. Denied as stated. By way of further response, Defendant Officers Miller, Detz and Burdis' plan was to serve the arrest warrant.

- 22. Denied as stated. By way of further response, Defendant Miller went to the driver's window. Defendant Detz was at the front passenger side of the vehicle and Defendant Burdis was at the rear of the vehicle.
- 23. Denied as stated. By way of further answer, see answer to No. 22 above. Furthermore, all officers were in full uniform.
- 24. Denied. After reasonable investigation, Answering Defendants lack sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the averments contained in this paragraph and, therefore, deny same and demands strict proof thereof at trial. By way of further response, Defendant Officer Miller identified himself as a police officer with an arrest warrant and directed Daniel Faust to open the door. Faust refused to comply. Defendant Officer Miller threatened Daniel Faust that if he did not comply, Officer Miller would break the window. Daniel Faust continued not to comply with Officer Miller. Therefore, Officer Miller broke Daniel Faust's window, after which Daniel Faust shot Officer Miller.
- 25. Admitted.
- Denied as stated. By way of further response, after Defendant Miller broke the window, it is admitted a sound was heard but it is denied the popping sound was shattering glass. Further, Defendant Detz saw muzzle flashes from inside the vehicle. It is admitted Defendant Detz returned fire, Defendant Miller realized he was shot and immediately fled the scene.
- 27. Admitted in part and denied in part. It is admitted only that Faust managed to leave his truck and fled on foot and neither Burdis or Detz pursued Faust. By way of further response, after reasonable investigation, Answering Defendants lack sufficient

- knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the averments contained in this paragraph and, therefore, deny same and demands strict proof thereof at trial.
- 28. Admitted. By way of further response, the charges appear on the warrant.
- 29. The District Attorney's report is a document which speaks for itself. By way of further response, the .38 caliber revolver would not expel a shell casing. Further, all bullets fired by Defendants Burdis and Detz were recovered.
- 30. Admitted.
- 31. Denied. After reasonable investigation, Answering Defendants lack sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the averments contained in this paragraph and, therefore, deny same and demands strict proof thereof at trial.
- 32. Denied. After reasonable investigation, Answering Defendants lack sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the averments contained in this paragraph and, therefore, deny same and demands strict proof thereof at trial. By way of further response, Defendants Miller and Detz did not proceed to 1211 Penny Road in Drumore Township, Pennsylvania.
- 33. Denied. After reasonable investigation, Answering Defendants lack sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the averments contained in this paragraph and, therefore, deny same and demands strict proof thereof at trial. By way of further response, Defendants Miller and Detz were not present.
- 34. This averment refers to Defendants other than Answering Defendants, and, therefore, no answer is required.
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- 39. This averment refers to Defendants other than Answering Defendants, and, therefore, no answer is required.
- 40. Admitted. By way of further response, the report referenced in this averment is a document which speaks for itself.
- 41. Denied. The averments contained in this paragraph state conclusions of law to which no answer is required.
- 42. Denied. The averments contained in this paragraph state conclusions of law to which no answer is required.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

Civil Rights, Civil Action for Deprivation of Rights

(In Violation of 42 U.S.C. §1983) (Against All Defendants)

- 43. Answering Defendants incorporate by reference paragraphs 1 through 42 above as though set forth fully herein at length.
- 44. Denied. The averments contained in this paragraph state conclusions of law to which no answer is required.
- 45. Denied. The averments contained in this paragraph state conclusions of law to which no answer is required.

- 46. Denied. The averments contained in this paragraph state conclusions of law to which no answer is required.
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- 49. This averment refers to Defendants other than Answering Defendants, and, therefore, no answer is required.
- 50. Denied. The averments contained in this paragraph state conclusions of law to which no answer is required.
- Denied. The averments contained in this paragraph state conclusions of law to which no answer is required. Answering Defendants assert their entitlement to tort immunity because their actions did not amount to willful misconduct pursuant to 42 Pa.C.S.A. § 8550.

WHEREFORE, Answering Defendants demand judgment in their favor and against all other parties, plus interest, costs and fees and other relief deemed appropriate by the Court.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

Assault

(Against Defendant Corporal Joseph Christaldi)

- 52. Answering Defendants incorporate by reference paragraphs 1 through 51 above as though set forth fully herein at length.
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THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

Battery

(Against Defendant Corporal Joseph Christaldi)

- 56. Answering Defendants incorporate by reference paragraphs 1 through 55 above as though set forth fully herein at length.
- 57. This averment refers to Defendants other than Answering Defendants, and, therefore, no answer is required.
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FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Wrongful Death

(In Violation of 42 P.S. § 8301)

- 60. Answering Defendants incorporate by reference paragraphs 1 through 59 above as though set forth fully herein at length.
- 61. Denied. The averments contained in this paragraph state conclusions of law to which no answer is required.
- 62. Denied. The averments contained in this paragraph state conclusions of law to which no answer is required.
- 63. Denied. The averments contained in this paragraph state conclusions of law to which no answer is required.

- 64. Denied. The averments contained in this paragraph state conclusions of law to which no answer is required.
- 65. Denied. The averments contained in this paragraph state conclusions of law to which no answer is required.
- 66. Denied. The averments contained in this paragraph state conclusions of law to which no answer is required.
- 67. Denied. The averments contained in this paragraph state conclusions of law to which no answer is required.

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FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Survival Act

(In Violation of 42 P.S. § 8302)

- 68. Answering Defendants incorporate by reference paragraphs 1 through 67 above as though set forth fully herein at length.
- 69. Denied. The averments contained in this paragraph state conclusions of law to which no answer is required.
- 70. Denied. The averments contained in this paragraph state conclusions of law to which no answer is required.
- 71. Denied. The averments contained in this paragraph state conclusions of law to which no answer is required.
- 72. Denied. The averments contained in this paragraph state conclusions of law to which no answer is required.

- 73. Denied. The averments contained in this paragraph state conclusions of law to which no answer is required.
- 74. Denied. The averments contained in this paragraph state conclusions of law to which no answer is required.

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FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The Second Amended Complaint fails to state claims upon which relief can be granted.

SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Answering Defendants are entitled to qualified immunity.

THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Answering Defendants at all times relevant hereto complied with all federal, state and local statutes, regulations and/or ordinances in effect.

FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

At no time have the Answering Defendants, either individually or in concert with others, deprived or sought to deprive the Plaintiff of any rights, privileges or immunities secured to them by the Constitution or laws of the United States.

FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

At all relevant times, Answering Defendants have acted with a reasonable, good faith belief in the lawfulness of their actions and are entitled to qualified immunity from damages therefore.

SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

All actions taken by Answering Defendants were proper, lawful, correct and in full accord with all applicable statutes, regulations, customs, laws and usages.

SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Defendants Miller and Detz assert all defenses available under the Pennsylvania Governmental Immunity Statute.

EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The Borough and any individual Defendant sued in his or her official capacity are immune from the imposition of punitive damages.

NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Defendants Miller and Detz's use of force complies with 18 P.S. §508 applicable to any state law claims.

WHEREFORE, Answering Defendants demand judgment in their favor and against all other parties, plus interest, costs and fees and other relief deemed appropriate by the Court.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Answers and Affirmative Defenses of Defendant Borough of Lititz and Officers Miller and Detz to Plaintiff's Second Amended Complaint was sent via electronic filing on the ECF System to the following:

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